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**NEW UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
**(Large Entity)***(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))*Docket No.  
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3**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

and invented by:

**CLINTON O. FRUITMAN**If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:☒ Continuation   ☐ Divisional   ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)   of prior application No.: 08/662,678

Enclosed are:

**Application Elements**

1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 8 pages and including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications *(if applicable)*
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development *(if applicable)*
  - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix *(if applicable)*
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings *(if drawings filed)*
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☐ Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
  - a. ☐ Formal
  - b. ☒ Informal

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4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed (*original or copy*) ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional application only*)
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney ☐ Without Power of Attorney
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche (*Appendix*)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all must be included*)
- a. ☐ Paper Copy
- b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy (*identical to computer copy*)
- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

## Accompanying Application Parts

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & document(s)*)
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Acknowledgment postcard
14. ☒ Certificate of Mailing
- ☐ First Class ☒ Express Mail (*Specify Label No.*): EM 339 509 795 US
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)

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16. ☐ Additional Enclosures (please identify below):

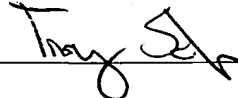
**Fee Calculation and Transmittal**

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	3	- 20 =	0	x \$22.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$82.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$790.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$790.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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